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3. PROSPECT OF IMPROVED AFGHAN-PAKISTANI RELATIONS FORESEEN

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The Pakistani chargé and the British ambassador in Kabul are convinced that Afghan prime minister Daud, who has accepted an invitation to visit Karachi during the last week of November, is seeking a face-saving device for abandoning his stand on Pushtoonistan.

This feeling is apparently inspired by Daud's alacrity in accepting the invitation, his willingness to spend more than a week in Karachi if necessary, and his desire to meet important Pakistani Pushtoon leaders. Both diplomats feel that Daud's prospective visit affords "the chance of a lifetime" to improve Afghan-Pakistani relations.

4. BOLIVIAN FOREIGN MINISTER SEES COMMUNIST INFLUENCE INCREASING IN GOVERNMENT

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The Bolivian foreign minister told the American ambassador in La Paz on 17 October that he had offered his resignation in protest over the reported inclusion of several Communists in the new Bolivian UN delegation which is headed by Vice President Chavez, a leftist. He believes that Communist influence is increasing in the government.

The foreign minister said that the ministers of national economy and agriculture were resigning with him and hinted other rightist members of the cabinet would follow. He quoted President Siles as having said that he would continue in office only on the basis of support of members of the right and would quit if they did.

The foreign minister expressed confidence that in the event of a showdown between right and left, the rightists would have the support of the populace in La Paz, the carabineros and the army, and could defeat the leftists.

Comment

Tensions between the two factions have increased sharply in recent weeks. The seating of a congress after a four-year lapse has provided a public forum for left-wing discussion of administration policy.

An acute food shortage in La Paz and the decline of the boliviano from 8,000 to about 12,000 to the dollar since Siles' inauguration on 6 August are major contributions to general unrest.



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DIA 25X1 **THE ARAB-ISRAELI SITUATION**
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UN truce officials believe that there is only a slim chance that Israel will permit an extension of the 31 October deadline for the removal of UN observer posts on the Israeli side of the demarcation line at Gaza. The UN observers stated that the posts have been useful and their loss would mean one less opportunity for exerting an influence for stability along the border.

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